

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 are amended. The amendments introduce no new matter. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2 and 5-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0025587 to Wada. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

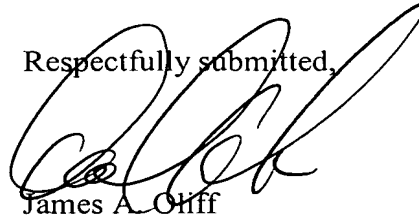
Claim 1 recites the feature of the conductive member having a first portion positioned in the first through-hole and a second portion positioned in the second and third through-holes, the second and third through-holes being larger than the first through-hole, the second portion having a larger diameter than the first portion. This feature results in preventing the conductive member from coming out in the direction of the first through-hole in the substrate (see Fig. 1). This feature is not taught, nor can it reasonably be considered to have been suggested, by the applied prior art reference.

For at least the above reason, the applied prior art reference does not teach, nor can it reasonably be considered to have suggested, the combination of all of the features positively recited in claim 1. Additionally, claims 2 and 5-9 are also neither taught, nor would they have been suggested, by the applied prior art references for at least the respective dependence of these claims directly or indirectly on an allowable independent claim 1, in addition to the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 2 and 5-9 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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